

Moss Park Park Improvements & John Innes Community Recreation Centre Replacement Project

Community Recreation Centre Open House

October 20th 2022



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Agenda



Welcome, Opening Remarks



Presentation

- Project Background, Context and Engagement to Date
- Preliminary Designs Overview



Discussion

- Aquatics
 - Discussion
- Tailored Community Spaces and Common Areas
 - Discussion
- Fitness Oriented Spaces
 - Discussions



Next Steps



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Engagement Guidelines

As a meeting participant, you agree to:


- Be an active listener and keep an open mind by valuing a diversity of views and opinions.
- Treat all participants with kindness and respect.
- Critique ideas, not individuals.
- Avoid cursing as well as language or behaviours that could otherwise be considered rude or offensive.
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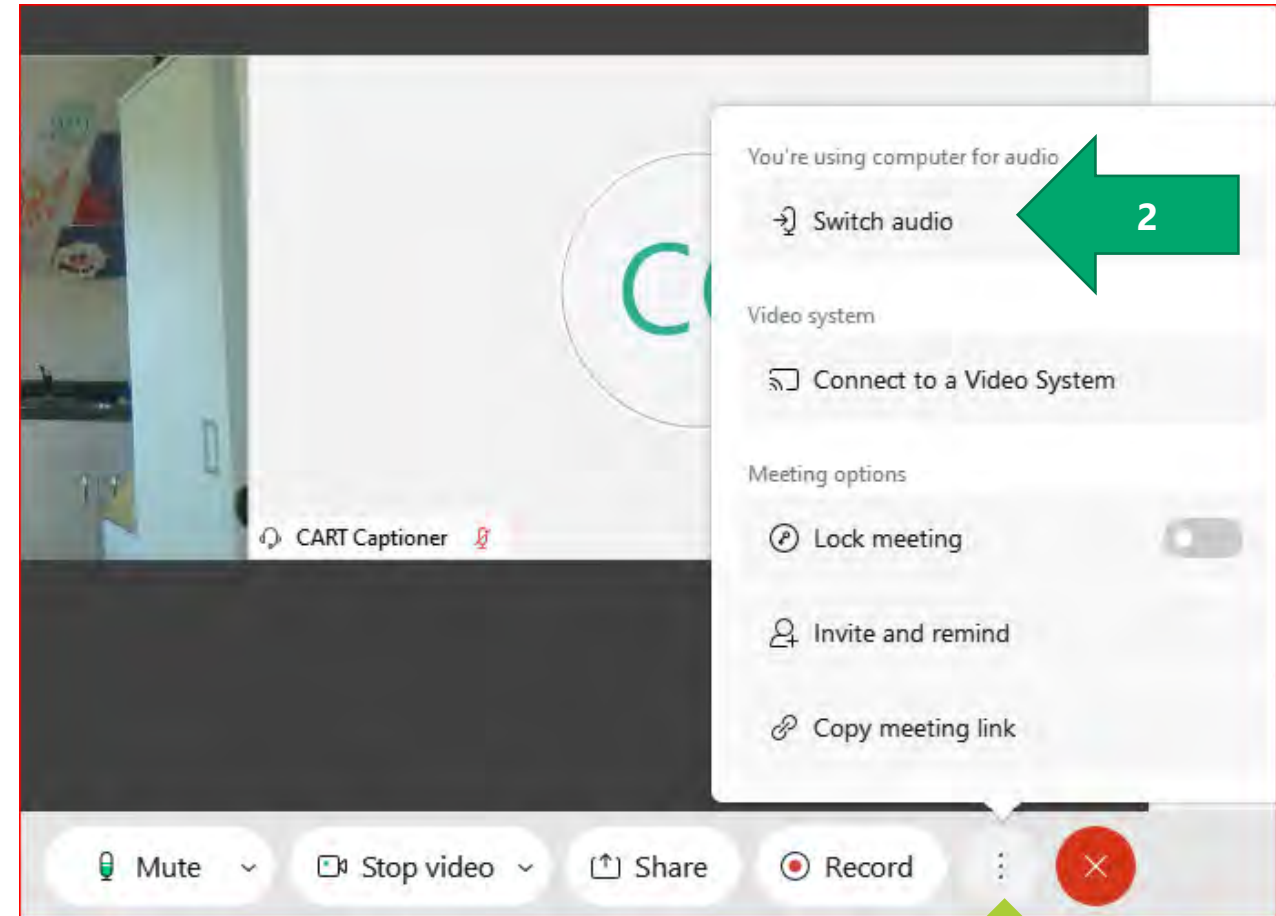
As City staff & process stewards, we commit to:

- Providing fair and equal access to the public engagement process to all who are interested in participating.
- Maintaining an atmosphere that is respectful of all participants and other staff members.
- Ensuring that that project outcomes and/or staff recommendations are informed by participants' concerns, interests, and desires.
- Being advocates for the integrity of the public process and ensuring it reflects as much as possible directions contained in relevant Council-approved strategies, including but not limited to the Reconciliation Action Plan, the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Action Plan, the Seniors Strategy, ChildFriendlyTO, and the Newcomer Strategy.
- Undertaking and encouraging actions by other City staff that build trust and credibility for the process among all participants.
- Providing the information participants need to meaningfully participate.



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Goals for this Meeting



Community Recreation Centre Focus

- Share what we have heard to date.
- Present preliminary designs for the Community Recreation Centre.
- Hear community feedback and ideas about the preliminary designs.

Project Background

Key project components



Upgrades to Arena

- Exterior upgrades



Major Park Improvements

- Extensive park improvements with passive and active recreation amenities.
- Supporting equity-deserving groups in park and recreation programs
- Integrate Indigenous placekeeping elements



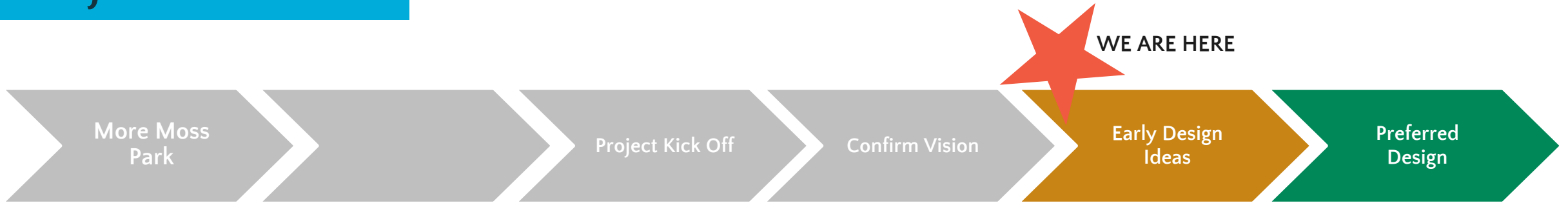
Today's Focus

New Community Recreation Centre

- Youth Space/Lounge
- Wood Shop
- Kitchen
- 25-metre 6 lane lap pool
- Leisure/tot pool
- A double gymnasium with a mezzanine running track
- Weight room
- Fitness studios (2)
- Dance studio
- Large community multi-purpose room
- Small(er) community activity rooms
- Green roof or rooftop community access



Project Timeline



2015: Initial reimagining of Moss Park began as a partnership between the City of Toronto, The 519 and a philanthropic partner. Engagement and feasibility study conducted.

Report Released

Report included engagement with 2,500 people and a feasibility study. **Project deemed not feasible.**

2019: City Council adopts the implementation strategy for the Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan with amendments

The City analyzed what was done to date, and prepared to listen and gather more local ideas and experiences. The project is led and funded by the Parks, Forestry and Recreation department within the City of Toronto.

Summer to Fall 2022
Confirm the community's visions.

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
Develop and present conceptual designs for feedback.

Winter - Spring 2023
Finalize designs and approvals.

Construction

Spring 2024
Procurement of construction services

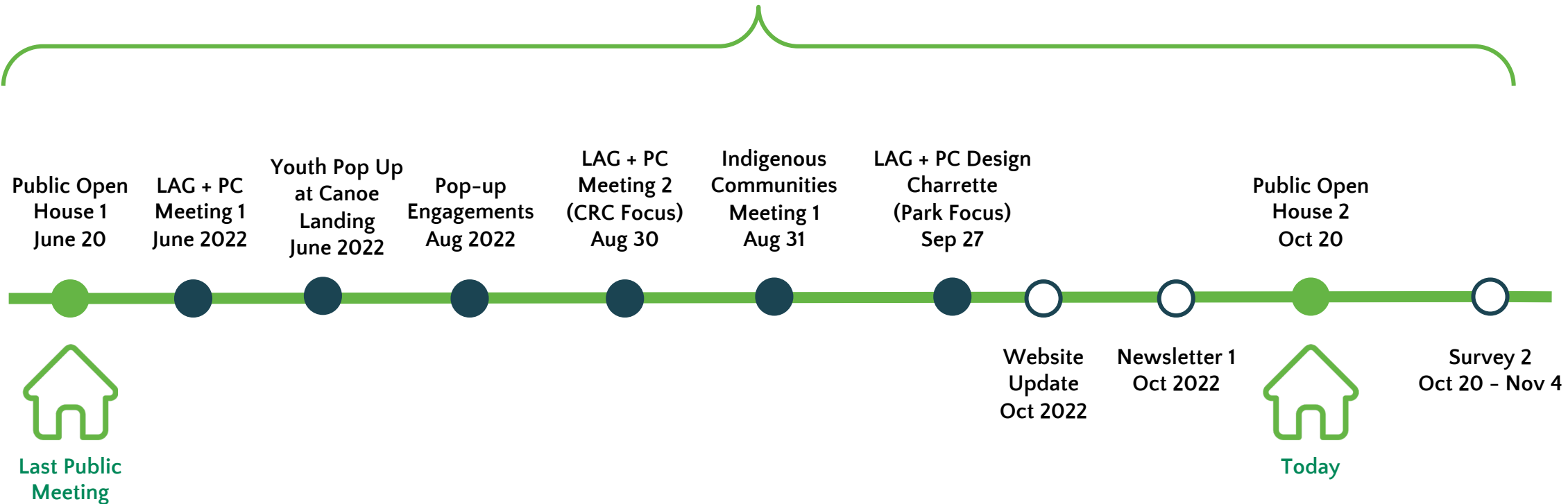
Summer 2024 to Fall 2027
Construct community recreation centre

Spring 2027 to Fall 2029
Park construction



Engagement Activities Since We Last Met

Phase 2: Confirming the community's vision for the project



Engagement by number to date

1st Open House

30

Attendees

1

Indigenous Communities Workshop

1

Youth Workshop

1st Public Survey

211

Responses

4

Meetings and workshops with advisory groups

5

Days of Pop-Up Engagements



Key Insights

Safety needs to be a priority

Consider whether you would take your kids to the park and whether you would take them at night

Consider the needs and experiences of unhoused people

Survey respondents felt strongly that people experiencing homelessness need to be a priority for this project. They were concerned about their displacement and the interruption to accessing services. . .they also felt there needed to be meaningful support provided to ensure that the park is accessible to all community members.

The built environment + programming can increase safety

Evening activities would be good for safety.
Lighting needs to be taken into consideration.
Public art, better lighting on Jarvis to draw people into the park.

Centre the history of the space

Participants were interested in an opportunity to educate the public about the history of Moss Park. This includes acknowledging all parts of its history, as well as considering a name change. This presents a possible opportunity to celebrate and share information about the Indigenous history and character of Moss Park.

Accessible space for all

Members of the public were interested in increasing efforts towards environmental protection in Moss Park. They felt that natural materials should be used to build the park and that the park should integrate technology that supports clean energy.



Key Insights

I envision a park that represents the best of Toronto – a multicultural community welcoming to everyone and their beliefs able to commune with one another.

Food forest could be a way to make the site more inclusive.

Flexible use spaces/ durable/ indestructible materials/ safe / accessible spaces.



“ Key Insights



Include opportunities for playing inside

Improve the already well-used facilities

Cleanliness and comfort in showers and change rooms for all diverse patrons

Building awareness and expanding diverse programming”



“ Key Insights

Opportunities for Indigenous placekeeping

Incorporate Indigenous art into the design of fencing or having seating areas for park users to listen and share. Creating a legacy space within the Community Recreation Centre,

Design Considerations

Work with Indigenous communities' to honour natural landscape as it changes due to construction, for example tree ceremonies.

Features, Programs or Amenities

Incorporate spaces for ceremony including, smudging, sacred fires, sweat lodges. Include Indigenous-only programming and gatherings that are led by Indigenous-led services and organizations.

Values and Approaches

The future park should incorporate features and programs that are trauma-informed, culturally responsive to support all members of the park community, particularly those made vulnerable by homelessness.

Consider employment opportunities that Indigenous people can participate in to create sustainable jobs.

Hire Indigenous staff and stewards in the park and community centre to ensure cultural competency in recreation programs and service delivery.



Community Recreation Centre

Project Components: New Community Recreation Centre



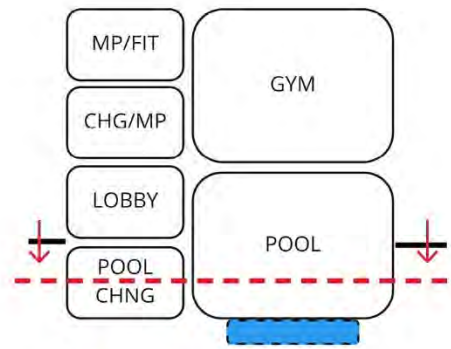
Building Location and Staging



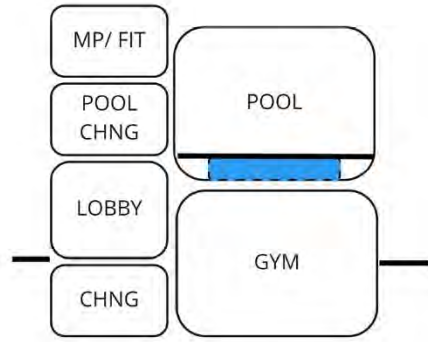
- Future building
- No park access
- Trees to remain
- Trees to be removed
- Service access

Not to scale

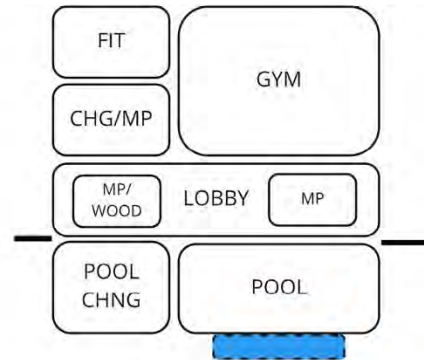
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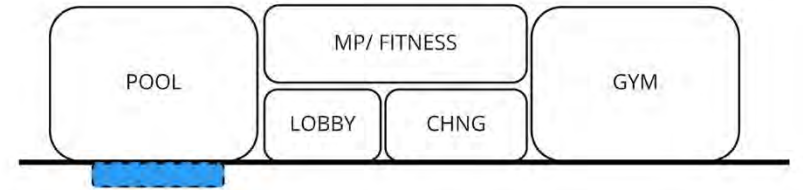
✓ **Option 1**
Revise to include Pool at grade or slightly below



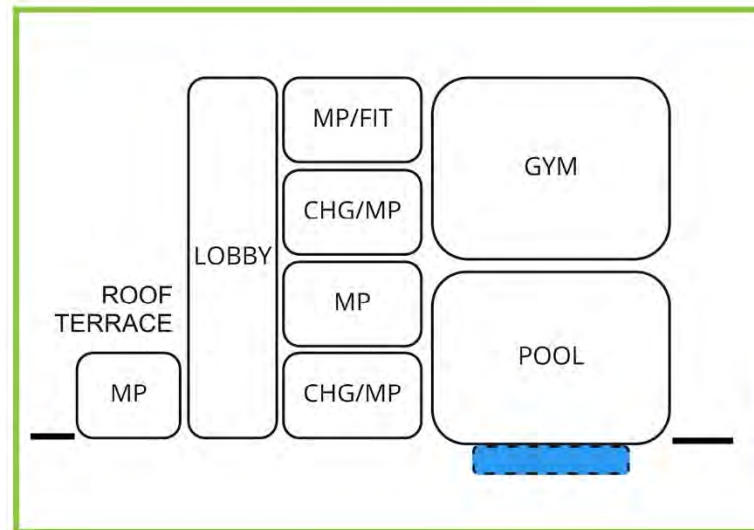
Option 2



Option 3



Option 4



✓ **Option 1**
Revised
Pool & Multi-Purpose at Grade

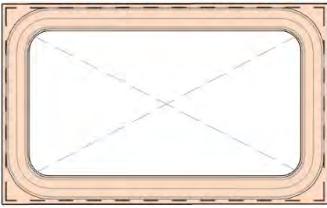
WHAT'S INCLUDED

What will be included:	What we can collaborate on
<p>COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A 25-metre 6 lane lap pool• A leisure/tot pool• Community, multi-use space• double gymnasium with a mezzanine running track• Fitness studios• Dance studio• Common & administrative areas, including a large Lobby• WIFI access throughout• Gender-neutral washrooms and change rooms• A green roof or rooftop community access – to be determined• Service spaces	<p>COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Opportunities for the included program in the Community Recreation Centre (CRC), such as program interrelationships, flexibility of uses, and relationships to the park▪ Community multi-purpose room(s) features and uses▪ Lane pool features and uses▪ Leisure/tot pool features and uses▪ Rooftop features and uses▪ Lobby features and uses▪ Program adjacencies▪ Opportunities for key safety features, such as sight lines, visibility, and views

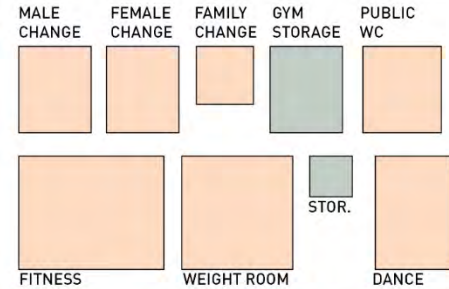
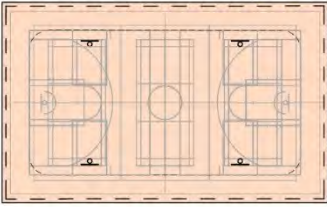
WHAT'S INCLUDED

FITNESS
17,400 SF

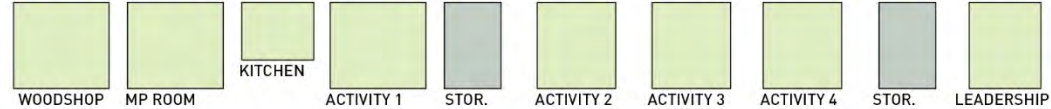
TRACK
2,450 SF



DOUBLE GYM
7,500 SF

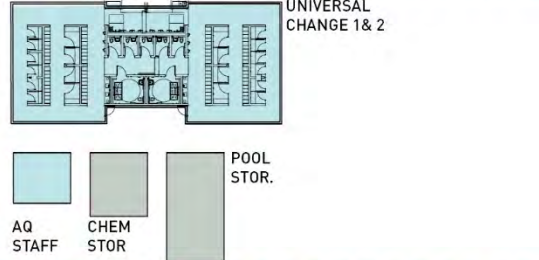
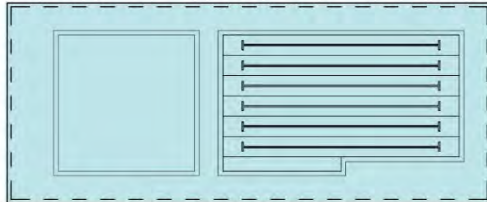


MULTI-PURPOSE SPACE
7,500 SF

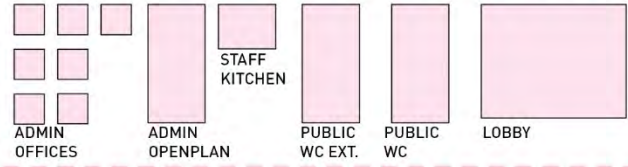


AQUATICS
16,850 SF

NATATORIUM
11,100 SF



COMMON & ADMIN
6,260 SF

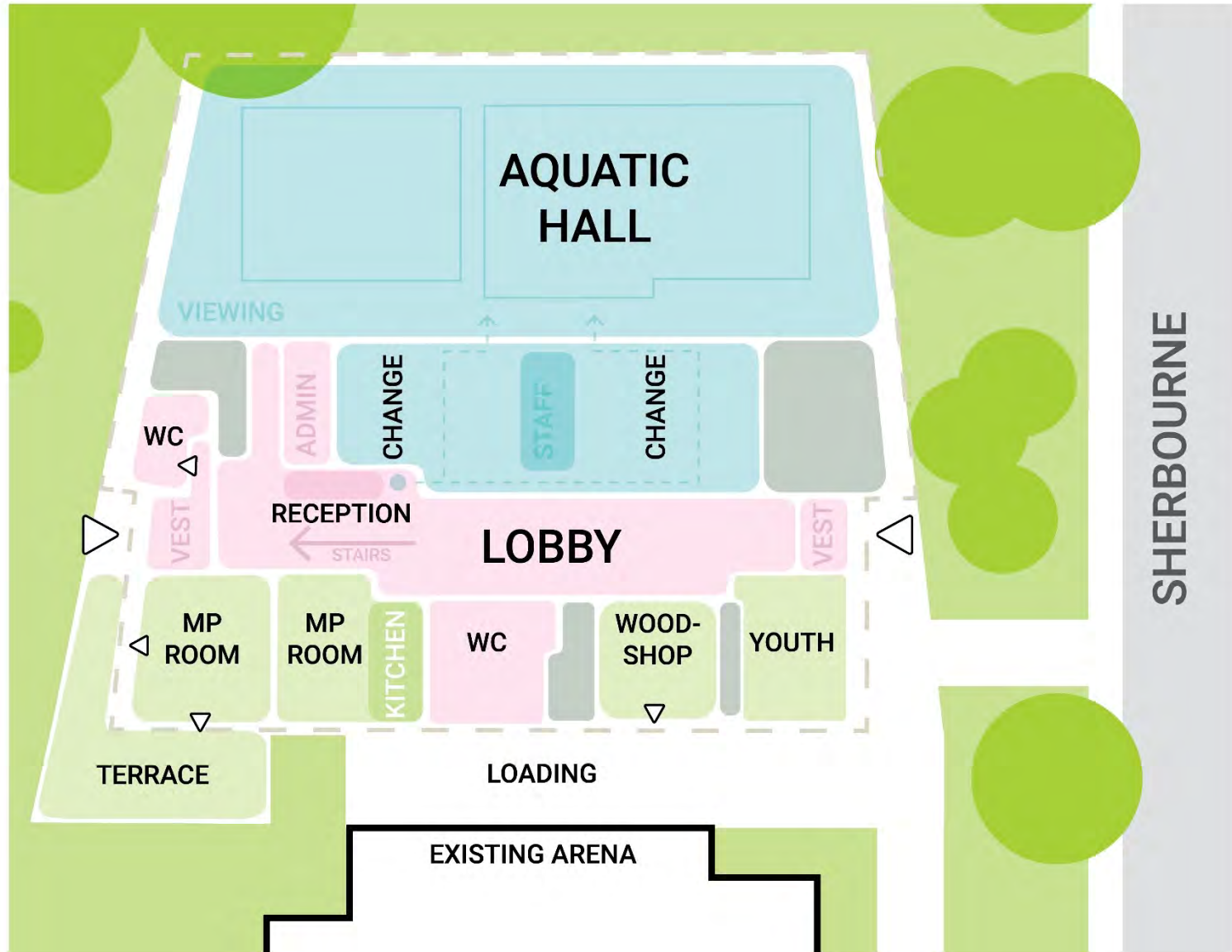


LEVEL 1

FLOOR PLAN

LEGEND

- FITNESS
- MULTI-PURPOSE
- BACK OF HOUSE
- AQUATICS
- COMMON & ADMIN
- ENTRY

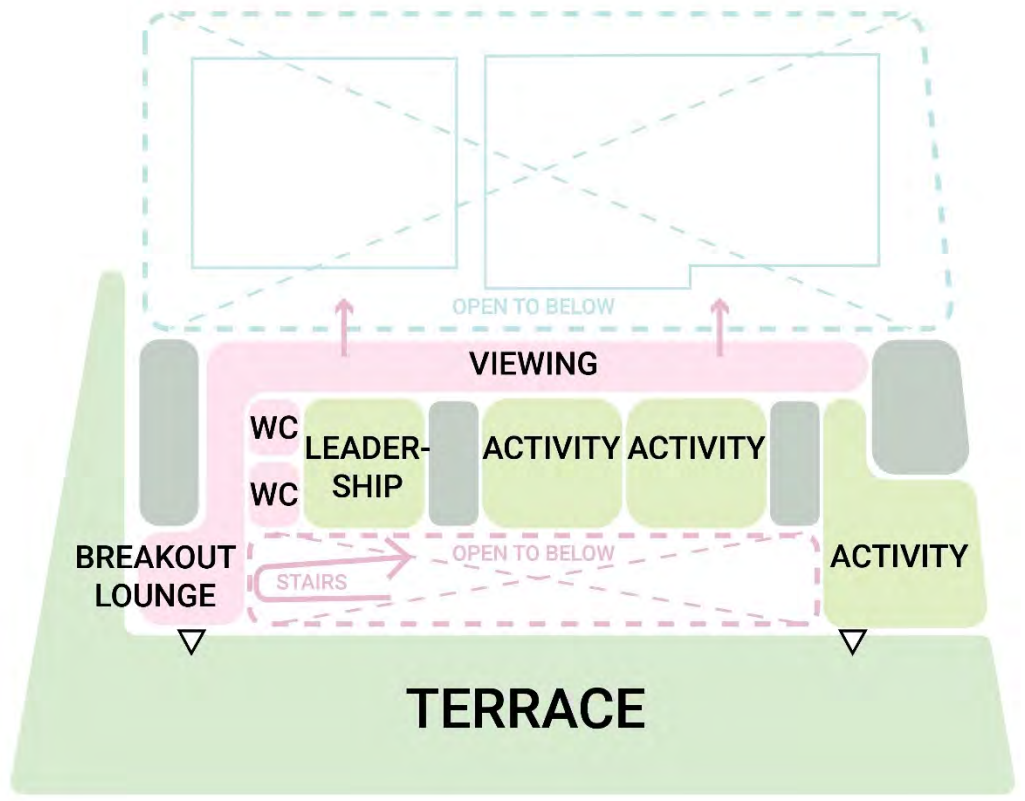


LEVEL 2

FLOOR PLAN

LEGEND

- FITNESS
- MULTI-PURPOSE
- BACK OF HOUSE
- AQUATICS
- COMMON & ADMIN
- ENTRY

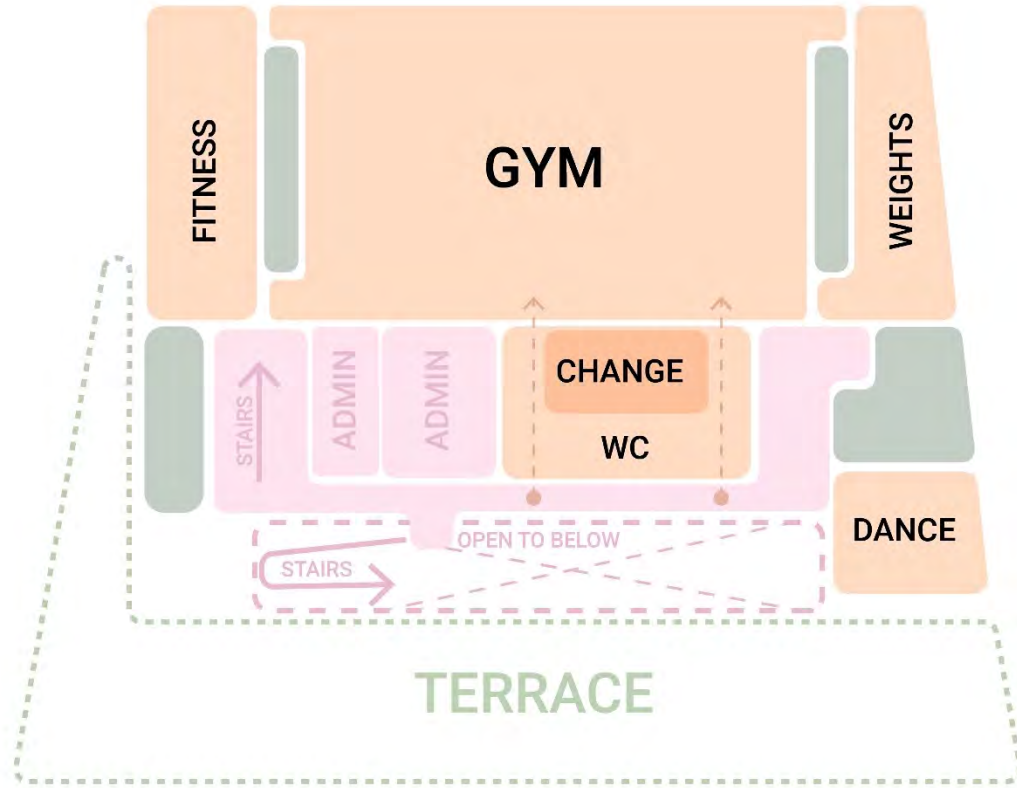


LEVEL 3

FLOOR PLAN

LEGEND

- FITNESS
- MULTI-PURPOSE
- BACK OF HOUSE
- AQUATICS
- COMMON & ADMIN
- ENTRY

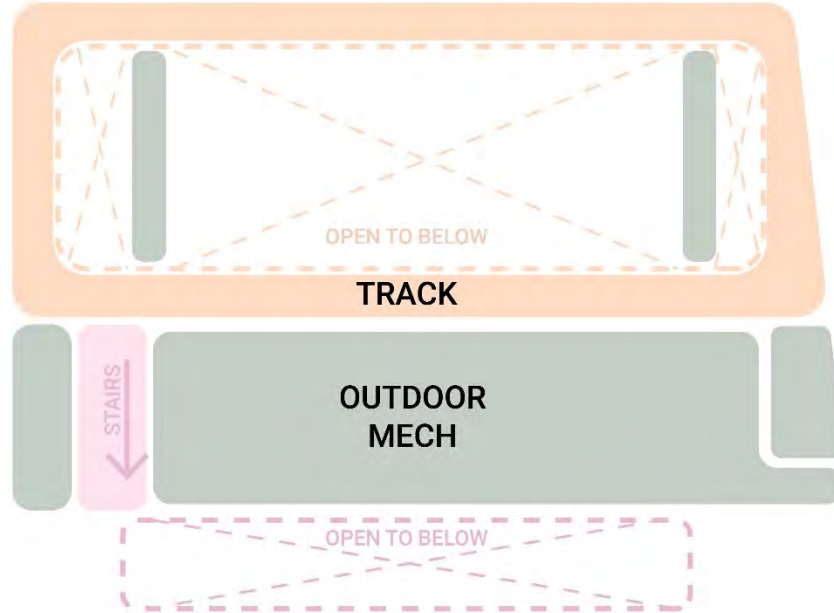


LEVEL 4

FLOOR PLAN

LEGEND

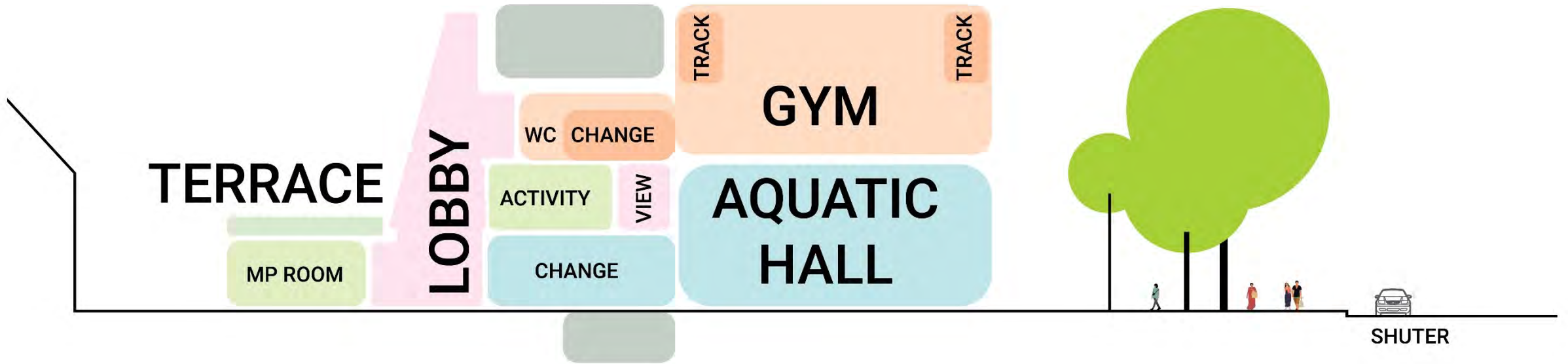
-  FITNESS
-  MULTI-PURPOSE
-  BACK OF HOUSE
-  AQUATICS
-  COMMON & ADMIN
-  ENTRY



STACKED PROGRAM

LEGEND

- FITNESS
- MULTI-PURPOSE
- BACK OF HOUSE
- AQUATICS
- COMMON & ADMIN



Discussion



AQUATICS

WATER
FEATURE



THERAPY
BENCH



INFLATABLES



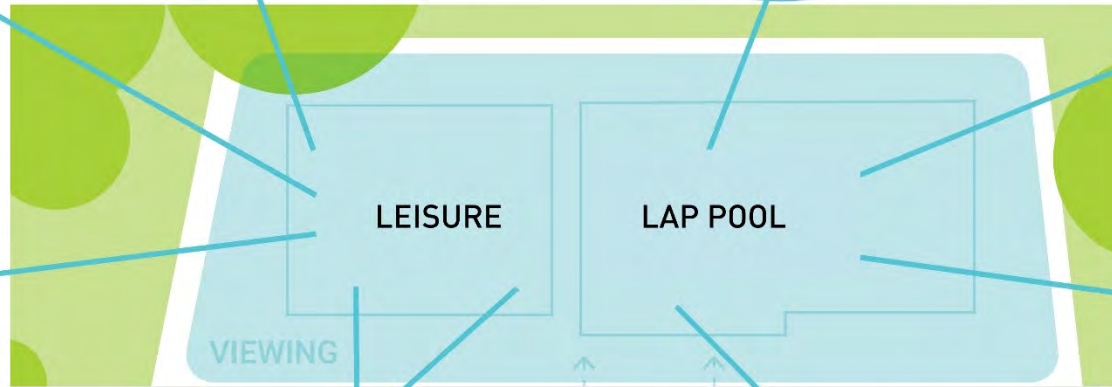
CLIMBING
WALL



LEISURE

LAP POOL

VIEWING



WATER
FEATURE



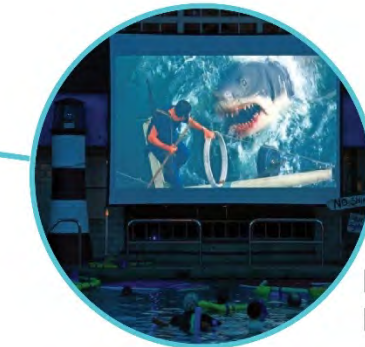
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SCUBA

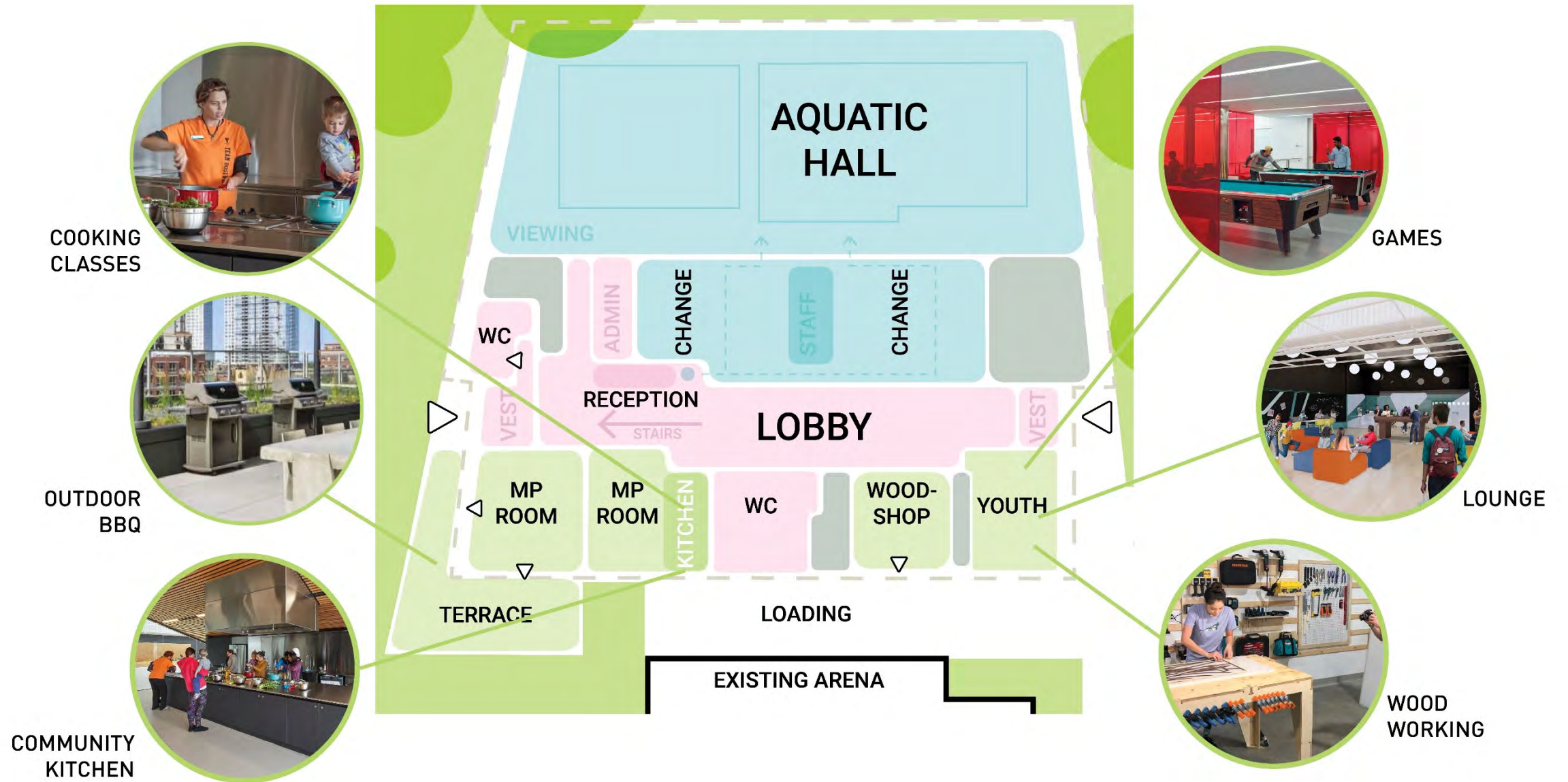


MOVIE
NIGHT

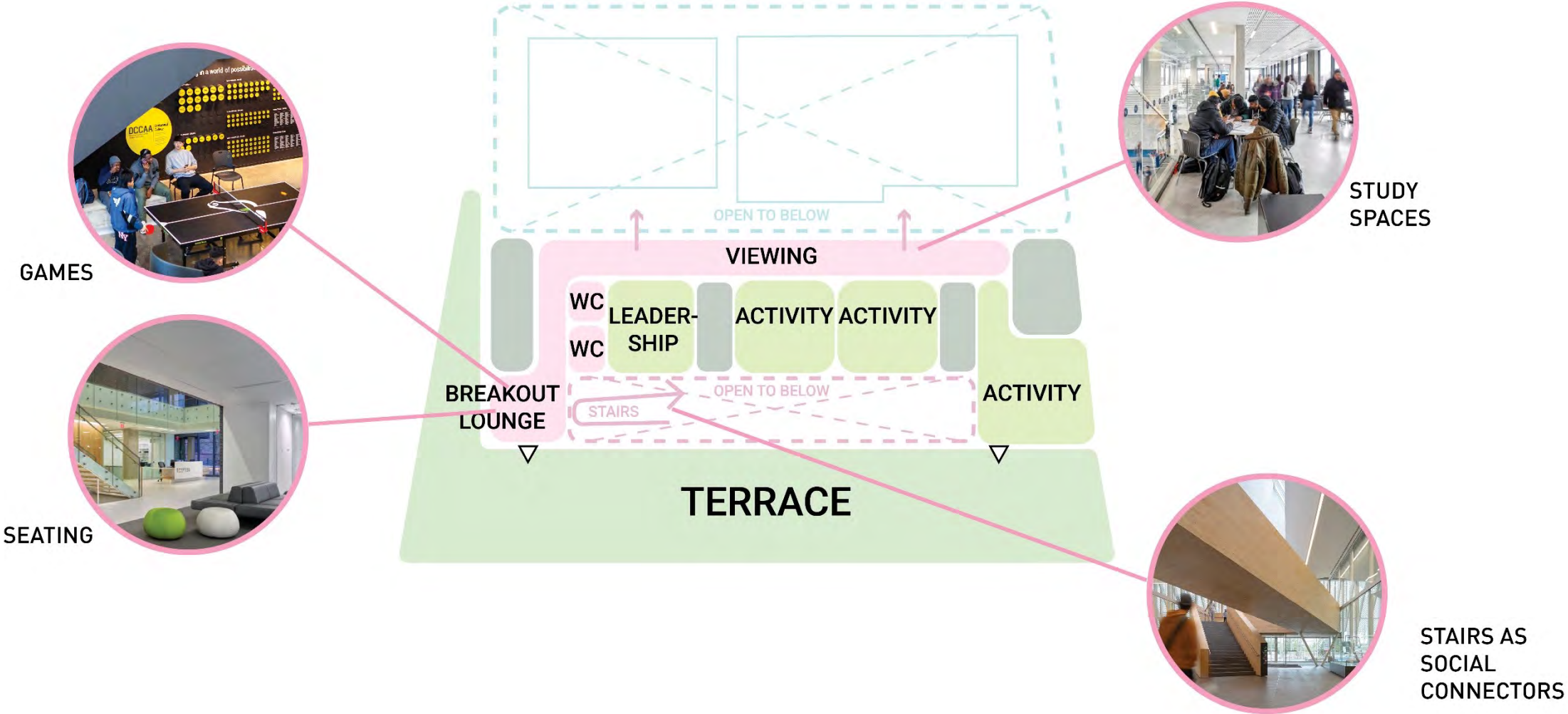


Comments
Questions
Concerns

TAILORED COMMUNITY SPACES



COMMON AREAS & LOBBY



LARGER COMMUNITY MP ROOM

COMMUNITY RENTAL



OUTDOOR TERRACE



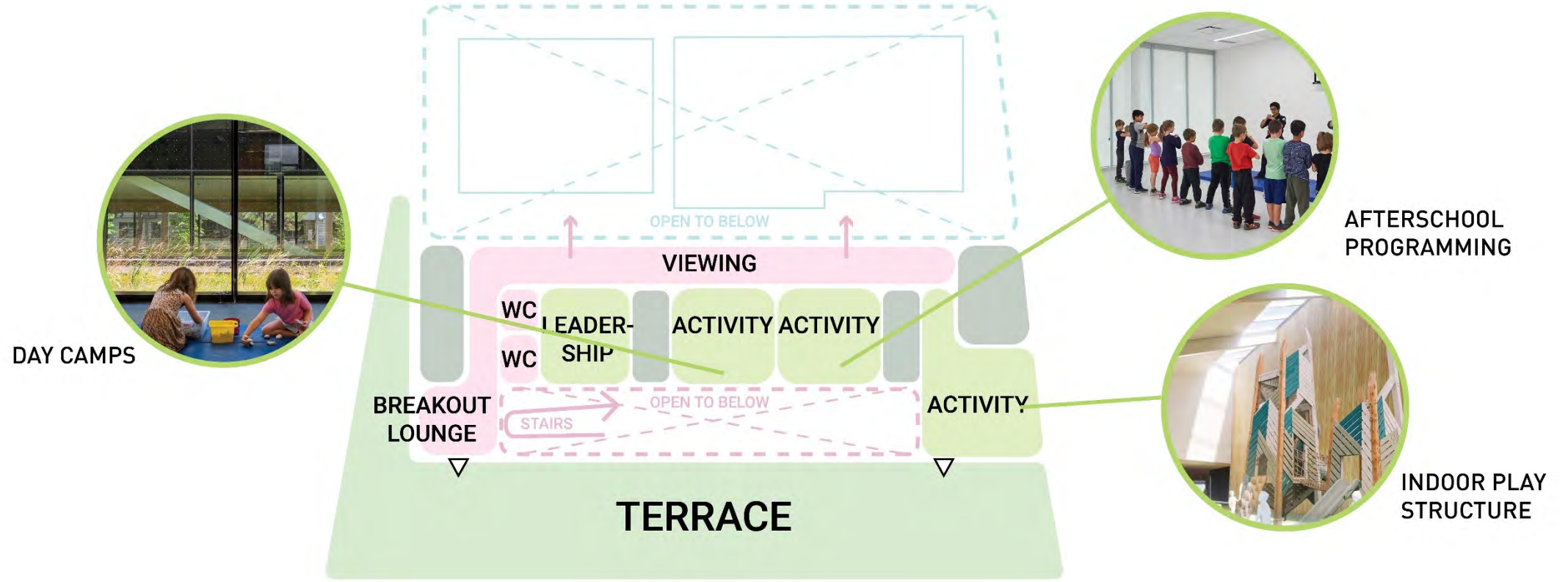
SENIORS PROGRAMMING



FOOD SHARE



SMALLER COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

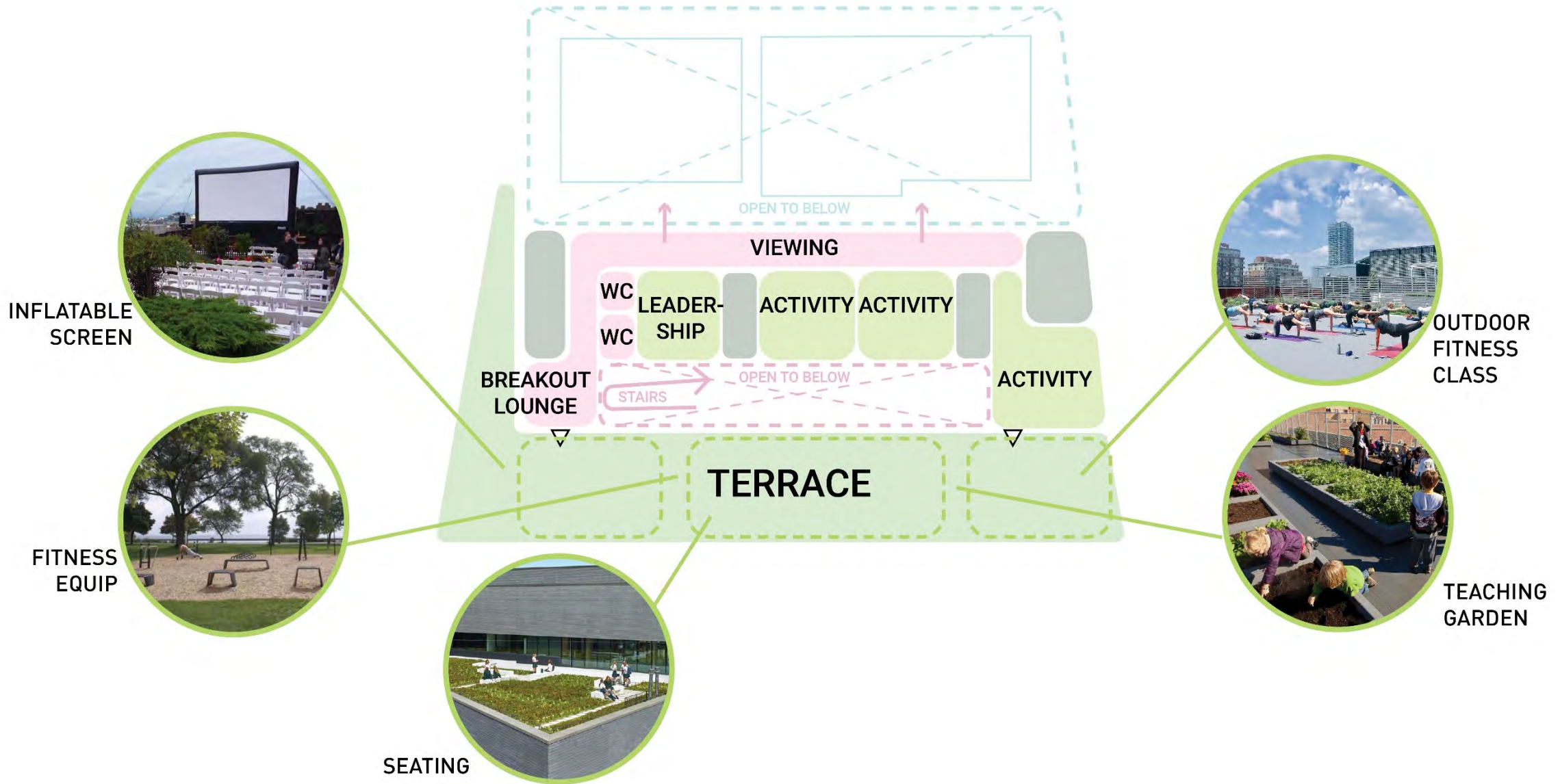


DAY CAMPS

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING

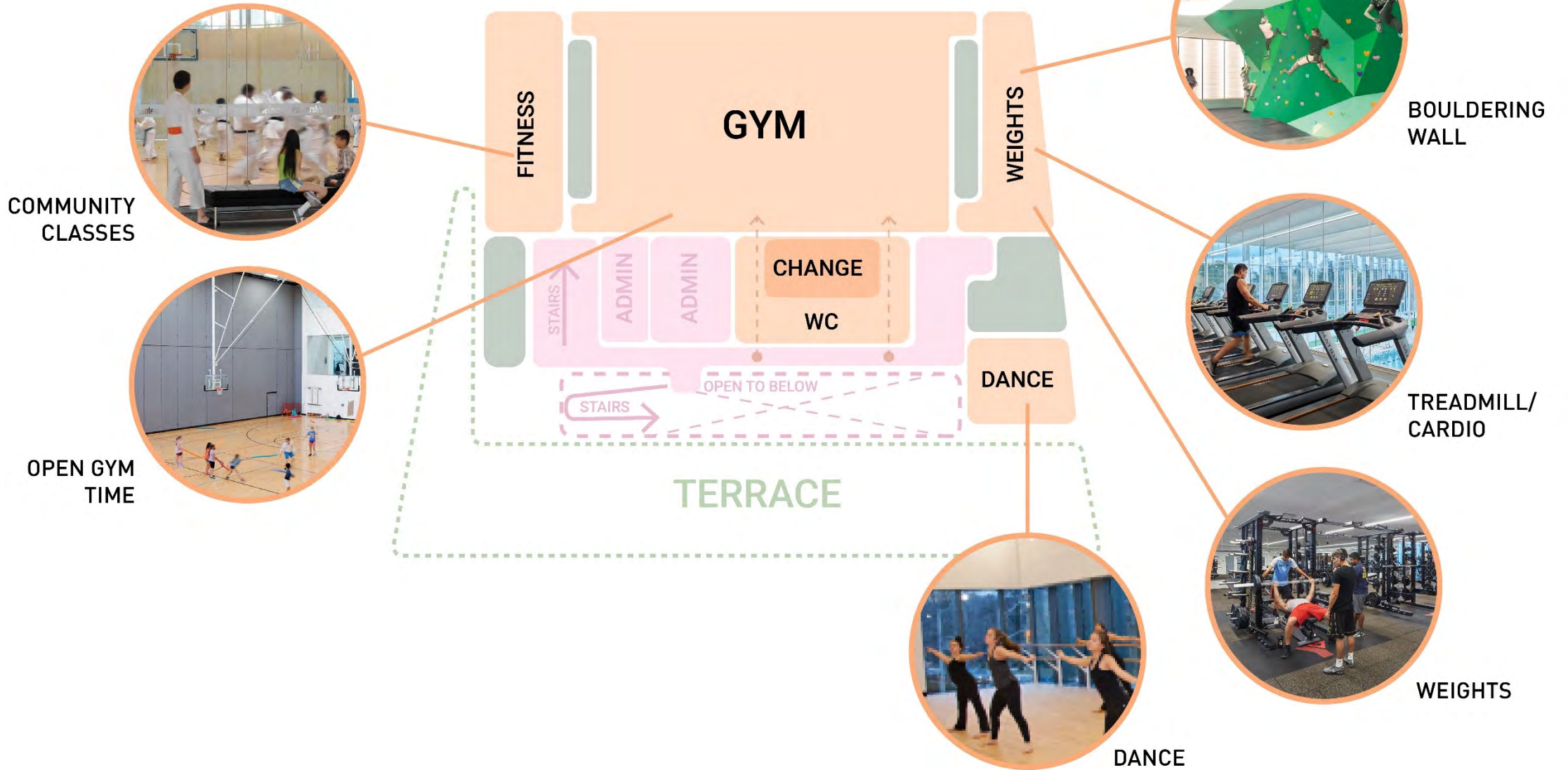
INDOOR PLAY STRUCTURE

ROOFTOP COMMUNITY ACCESS



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FITNESS-ORIENTED SPACES



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Next Steps



John Innes Community Recreation Centre Survey
October 20th – November 9th

Open House – Park Improvements Focused
Coming early 2023

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